



PROCLAMATION

Discharging Persons to be brought from the Netherlands without Passes.



WILLIAM and MARY by the Grace of GOD, King and Queen of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, Defenders of the Faith, To

Macers of Our Privy Council, Messengers at Arms, Our Sheriffs in that part, conjunctly and severally, specially Constitute, Greeting: Forasmuch as, The Merchants and Skippers, and others Trafficking and passing betwixt this Our Antient Kingdom, and the Provinces of the *Netherlands* Do presume, to bring into this Kingdom, persons Obnoxious to Our Laws, and notourly Disaffected to Our Government: As also, Deferters from Our Forces in the said Parts, for Remedy whereof, We with Advice of the Lords of Our Privy Council, Have thought fit, hereby strictly to Prohibite and Discharge all Merchants, Masters, Skippers, or Mates and Mariners, and Passengers, in any Ships; Barks, or Vessels; To bring home into this Kingdom, or any of the Ports, or Coasts thereof, any person or persons from the said *Netherlands*, unless they have Passes in manner following, *viz.* Every one of the saids persons not being a Souldier, a Pass from the Secretaries of this Kingdom, or their Deput attending Our Person in the said *Netherlands* for the time; and every Souldier or other Person who have Served in Our Armies, a Pass from the Colonel of the Regiment wherein they Served, or a Superiour Officer; which Passes are to be presented to the Conservator of the Priviledges of this Our Kingdom, Residing in the said Provinces, or his Deput in his absence, who is to make a List of the saids persons, having and producing their Passes, as said is, and to deliver the same Subscribed with his Hand, to the Master or Skipper of the Ship, for his Warrant, to bring home the persons named therein: As also, the said Master or Skipper at his arrival within the River of *Forth*, or any Port or Creik thereof, shall, before he suffer any of the persons contained in the said List, to go a-shore out of his Vessel, present the foresaid List to Our Advocate or Solicitor, at *Edinburgh* for the time, or in their absence, to one or other of the Lords of Our Privy Council, and receive his Order, for setting of the said persons a-shore; And if the Vessel shall arrive at any other Port, or Coast within the Kingdom, then the Skipper shall present his said List, to a Magistrat of the next Burgh-Royal, who shall be obliged either to take Caution of the persons contained therein, that they shall present themselves, when called, by the Lords of Our Privy Council: Or at least, if they cannot find caution, they shall enact themselves, both, under a reasonable Penalty, to present themselves, as said is: Which Bonds and Acts, the said Magistrat, is to Transmit with all diligence, to the Clerks of Our Privy Council, within a fourteynights at farthest, after receiving of the same: And the saids Magistrats having taken the saids Bonds or Subscriptions, are then to give Order for the persons coming a-shore; Certifying the said Merchants, Masters, Skippers, Mates, Mariners, and Passengers, and Magistrats above-mentioned, that if any of them fail in the Premises, they shall be lyable in the penalty of five Hundreth Merks *Scots*, each of them, *toties, quoties*, to be payed to Our Receiver-General, for Our use: And farther, Requiring Our Solicitor, to use exact Diligence, to see thir Presents execute, and the foresaid Penalties, when incurred payed. Our Will is herefore, and We Charge you straitly and Command, that incontinent these Our Letters seen, ye pass to the Mercat-Cross of *Edinburgh*, and to the Mercat-Crosses of the remanent Head-Burghs of the severall Shires within this Kingdom, and also to the severall Sea-ports Towns within the same, (and Appoints the Sheriffs of the severall Shires, to see thir Presents published at the severall Sea-Towns within their respective Jurisdictions) and there, by open Proclamation, make publication of the Premises, that none pretend Ignorance. And Ordains thir Presents to be Printed.

Given under Our Signet at Edinburgh, the sixth Day of September. And of Our Reign the sixth Year, 1694.

Per actum Dominorum Secreti Concilii.

GILB: ELIOT, *Cls. Sec. Concilii.*

GOD save King William and Queen Mary.